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TO ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS IMMEDIATE  
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SUBJECT: SUBMISSION OF BIOGRAPHIC DATA TO ACVA PRIOR TO INS  
APPROVAL OF INDOCHINESE BOAT REFUGEES

REF: A. HONG KONG 8142, B. STATE 162345, C. STATE 163220

1. REF A REPORTED THAT PRIOR TO INS APPROVAL OF REFUGEES  
HONG KONG HAD SENT TO ACVA BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON 275 REFUGEES  
TO INITIATE SPONSORSHIP SEARCH. POST ADDED THAT ACVA HAD  
LOCATED SPONSORS FOR 26 CASES (43 PERSONS) WHO HAD NOT YET  
BEEN INTERVIEWED BY INS BECAUSE OF LACK OF NUMBERS. POST  
FURTHER ASKED DEPT TO ADVISE IF IT SHOULD INFORM ACVA  
ABOUT THESE 26 CASES AND IF IT SHOULD REQUEST ACVA TO CEASE  
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SPONSORSHIP SEARCH ON OTHER CASES SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE OF  
INS INTERVIEWS.

2. HA/ORM OFFICERS MEETING WITH VOLAGS LAST WEEK WERE PER-  
PLEXED TO LEARN THAT ACVA HAD RECEIVED AND ALLOCATED TO  
INDIVIDUAL VOLAGS BIODATA ON MORE REFUGEES THAN WERE  
AUTHORIZED UNDER PREVIOUS IPP-77 AND 78 PROGRAMS. WE

ASSUMED OVERAGE WAS ACCOUNTED FOR BY RECOUPS, AND SO INFORMED ACVA. NOW, HOWEVER, REF A INDICATES THAT AT LEAST ONE REASON FOR OVERAGE WAS SUBMISSION OF LRP CASES RATHER THAN IPP CASES.

3. THIS HAS CAUSED UNDUE CONFUSION IN ACVA AS WELL AS IN DEPT. FOR FUNDING AND OTHER PURPOSES WE MUST SEPARATE PREVIOUS IPP CASES FROM NEW ONES UNDER LRP. AS NOTED IN REF B, LRP CASES CANNOT BE MOVED UNTIL FUNDING AVAILABLE.

4. MOREOVER, IN INSTRUCTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF LRP CONTAINED REF C, WE ASKED ALL POSTS FIRST TO INFORM DEPT OF NUMBERS OF REFUGEES BROKEN DOWN BY CATEGORIES I THROUGH IV BEFORE DEPT AND INS DECIDE ON ALLOCATION OF NUMBERS TO VARIOUS POSTS.

5. WE APPRECIATE HONG KONG'S DESIRE TO SHOW SOME SEMBLANCE OF MOVEMENT TO TRY TO WHITTLE DOWN LARGE CASELOAD EXISTING THERE. SAME PROBLEM, HOWEVER, APPLIES TO MALAYSIA AND OTHER POSTS. THEREFORE, IN FUTURE ANY BIODATA ON REFUGEES NOT YET APPROVED BY INS WHICH IS SENT TO ACVA SHOULD BE MARKED PROMINENTLY TO THAT EFFECT; I.E., NOT YET INS APPROVED.

6. IN CASE OF BIODATA ALREADY SENT ACVA, PLEASE INFORM ACVA AND DEPT BY CABLE CASE NUMBERS ALREADY SENT TO ACVA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH DO NOT HAVE INS APPROVAL.

7. IF ANY OTHER POSTS HAVE SIMILARLY SENT BIODATA TO ACVA IN ADVANCE OF INS APPROVAL, PLEASE ALSO INFORM ACVA AND DEPT WHICH CASES FALL INTO THIS CATEGORY.

8. VOLAGS HAVE PREVIOUSLY INFORMED DEPT THAT THEY HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO RECEIVING BIODATA IN ADVANCE OF INS APPROVAL AS LONG AS IT IS PROMINENTLY MARKED TO THAT EFFECT AND POSTS ARE CONFIDENT THAT REFUGEES WILL BE INS APPROVED. IN FACT, MAILING TO ACVA OF BIODATA ON REFUGEES LIKELY TO BE APPROVED BEFORE THEY ARE ACTUALLY APPROVED BY INS WILL AT VERY LEAST ELIMINATE CURRENT DELAY OF ONE OR TWO WEEKS IN MAILING TIME AFTER INS APPROVES REFUGEES. IT WILL THUS SHORTEN ENTIRE LENGTHY PROCESSING TIME OF SEVERAL MONTHS BY AT LEAST A FEW WEEKS, AND PROBABLY MORE.

9. ADVANCE MAILING OF BIODATA TO ACVA WILL PERMIT VOLAGS TO GET HEAD START ON SPONSORSHIP SEARCH. SUCH ADVANCE BIODATA MUST, HOWEVER, SHOW THAT INS HAS NOT FINALLY APPROVED REFUGEE SO THAT VOLAGS CAN INFORM POTENTIAL SPONSORS THAT THERE COULD BE SOME DROPOUTS IF REFUGEES ARE

NOT FINALLY APPROVED. THIS WILL PERMIT VOLAGS TO CARRY OUT THEIR SPONSORSHIP SEARCH EFFORTS MOST EFFICIENTLY BY ENSURING THAT POTENTIAL SPONSORS ARE WELL INFORMED AND NOT DISAPPOINTED IF REFUGEES DO NOT ARRIVE QUICKLY BECAUSE OF WAIT FOR INS APPROVAL, OR IF THEY DO NOT ARRIVE AT ALL BECAUSE OF INS REJECTIONS.

10. IN FUTURE, WHEN SENDING BIODATA TO ACVA IN ADVANCE OF INS APPROVAL OF REFUGEES, POSTS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT UNDER LRP NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS THERE WILL NOT BE ADEQUATE NUMBERS FOR ALL REFUGEES, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN CATEGORY IV. THEREFORE, FOR TIME BEING, UNTIL ALL POSTS REPORT NUMBERS IN CATEGORIES I THROUGH IV AND DEPT AND INS USE THESE REPORTS TO ALLOCATE NUMBERS TO INDIVIDUAL POSTS, PLEASE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SEND SUCH ADVANCE BIODATA ONLY ON CAT. I AND II CASES. SUCH ADVANCE BIODATA SHOULD CLEARLY INDICATE CATEGORY AS WELL AS FACT THAT REFUGEE NOT YET INS APPROVED. THEN WHEN INS DOES APPROVE REFUGEES, POSTS SHOULD CABLE THAT INFORMATION TO ACVA TO COMPLETE SPONSORSHIP SEARCH. VANCE

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